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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the Modified 1449 Form submitted herewith. Copies of these references are enclosed.

References 1, 3, and 8 were cited in a January 12, 2001 International Search Report regarding International Application No. PCT/US00/27048, of which this is the U.S. national phase. A copy of the January 12th search report is attached hereto.

The foregoing references are being submitted prior to the mailing date of a first substantive Office Action for this application and thus no fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p) is believed to be due for this submission. However, if a fee is required, applicants request that the fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 11-1158.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial a copy of the Modified 1449

Form and return it to applicants to indicate consideration of the references listed thereon in connection with the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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